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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that the Government have come forward to encourage secondary grade Graduates in aided schools to attend this course with stipends?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think stipend has been offered to anybody.

Revised scales of pay

* 310 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the instructions, if any, issued to the managements of aided secondary schools on the fixation of salaries in the revised scales of pay for the non-teaching staff?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Managements have been given the option to adopt for non-teaching staff in schools the scales of pay prescribed for such staff in Government schools or in schools under local bodies.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Managements have been given the option to adopt the local body scale or the Government scale. May I know whether it is made obligatory on them to adopt this or that?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think there is any obligation laid on them. They can have their own scales of pay also.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is it not a fact that in the case of teachers the Government made it obligatory on the part of the managements to adopt the revised pay scales by saying that otherwise grants would not be assessed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have already made a distinction between the teaching staff and the non-teaching staff I think the hon. Member should be glad about it.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that in that Government Order head clerks and typists have been disallowed in respect of aided institutions alone?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It depends upon the strength of the schools. I think where there is sufficient strength warranting the appointment of a head clerk, it can be done.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : What is the new revised scale for the head clerk, Sir?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the information.

Rest Houses

* 311 *Q.*—SRI V. M. SURENDRA RAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct Rest Houses for middle class tourists in the Arranmore Palace Compound, Ootacamund; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI V. M. SURENDRA RAM : சார், இதைத் தவிர இப்போது உதகைக்கு அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் வந்திருந்தபோது, வேறு பல இடங்களைப் பார்வையிட்டபோது, டூரிஸ்ட் ஹோம் கட்டுவதாகத் தெரிவித்தார்கள். அது எந்த இடத்தில் என்று சொல்லவேண்டும்.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : அரண்மூர் பாலசில் இருக்கிற அந்த காம்பவுண்டில் கட்டுவதாக இல்லை. வேறு இடத்தில், கலெக்டர் ஆபீஸ் ஹில்லுக்குப் பக்கம், just opposite to the bazaar street, கட்டுவதாக ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. பிளான் எல்லாம் வந்திருக்கிறது. அது scrutiny-ல் இருக்கிறது.

Grade I Tamil Pandits

* 312 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have passed any order in November 1955 with regard to the panel for I Grade Tamil Pandits' posts in district board high schools and, if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. Orders were issued to the following effect :—

(i) appointments to the posts of Grade I Tamil Pandits should be made in the order of seniority from among qualified Grade II Pandits;

(ii) if there were no qualified Grade II Pandits, the Grade I posts should be filled in by selection from among Secondary Grade Teachers or other teachers who are qualified for appointment as Grade I Pandits or by direct recruitment.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Does seniority count here with regard to the total service of the teacher under the district board, or the service of the secondary grade teacher as a II Grade Tamil Pandit?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I cannot give a legal opinion with regard to the interpretation of the rules. The hon. Member may read the rules and find out.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : There are instances wherein the district board secondary grade teachers who later qualified themselves as Pandits and who act as II Grade Pandits are not given preference?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I understand that. But I do not know how the rule reads. I am unable to give the interpretation.